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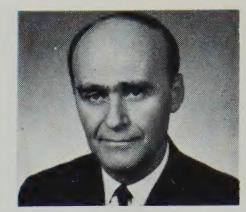

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A Visit to Hungary and Romania

by Arno Pagel

Some months ago I was able to make a visit to two East European countries, Hungary and Romania. In both countries there existed a strong and active Christian Endeavor movement prior to the Communist takeover following World War II. The last World's Convention held before the outbreak of the Second World War was in the Hungarian capital of Budapest in 1935.

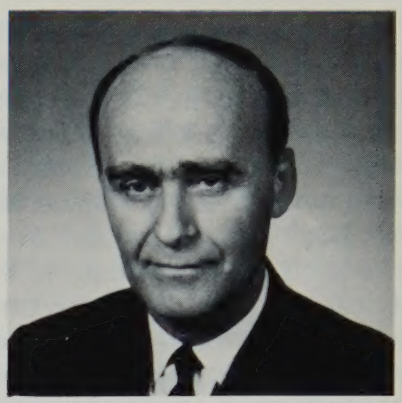
For a long time it had been my keen desire to see the former Endeavorers in both countries. I wished to assure them in the name of Endeavorers around the world that they are, and remain, our beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ and that they are not forgotten in our prayers. I met many of them and we were all strengthened by our mutual love and faith.

The two main church bodies in Hungary and Romania are Lutheran and Presbyterian. In both of them Christian Endeavor was very active in former times. Church historians tell us that Christian Endeavor was the most effective and widespread revival movement in the last decades prior to the war. During my visit I had very impressive contacts, especially with Presbyterian ministers and groups from their congregations. The people I met in Romania were mostly Hungarians who make up a very strong minority there.

We all know that to be a Christian and to confess the Christian faith in a Communistic and atheistic country means more than it does in a free Western society. But Christianity is alive there in spite of all its trials and oppression. Among those I met was a former Christian Endeavor leader who had spent many years in prison because of his open confession of Christ. For six long years he had not received any sign of life from his family. His wife and children did not know if her husband and their father was still living and if so, where. He reported about that dark time without any hatred and resentment, and in no way did he accuse his former tormentors. In fact he praised the Lord who had been with him in his lonely cell with His light and comfort. His eyes were shining when he resolutely declared: "Though there is no more an organized Christian Endeavor movement in our country today, I am an Endeavorer and I shall remain so till my death."

This dear brother is now a pastor in a small remote village. He dares to have youth camps in his house and even to invite young men and young women to well attended youth rallies. When I first met him and told him who I was and that a large number of Endeavorers from all continents would enter his house in spirit with me, he was so deeply moved that he could not utter a single word for some time.

I was able to attend some youth meetings. A good crowd had come together. Their singing was powerful and their conversation about the word of God and their personal experience with it could scarcely be brought to an end. Some church services took two or three hours, and nobody seemed to get tired or bored. One service took place on Whitsunday in Budapest. We had an attendance of several hundred including visitors from six



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different countries: Hungary, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic and United States of America. The crowd was thrilled with this great experience which is very unusual for people living behind the Iron Curtain. The Hungarian believers gladly said: "This is as in the days of the apostles at the first Pentecost."

Christian literature is very limited in Hungary and Romania. Bibles and other books can scarcely be printed there. Christians from the Western countries try to help in this needy situation. They produce such literature and bring it to these countries secretly and often in dangerous ways. Twice I met groups of young Christians, among whom were students from Great Britain, who unloaded their precious and welcome freight at lonely places during the darkness. This literature included Bibles, books, pamphlets and tracts which are quickly distributed and bring much joy and help to those receiving them.

Let us be faithful in our prayers for those who are standing for Christ and His Church in the vast area behind the Iron Curtain.

TOURING FOR CHRIST

by Evelyn Stuehring

A delegate to the German Christian Endeavor Convention in Giessen August 1980 writes of her experience in meeting Gail Marinelli of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the convention.

"A little smile is like a bridge across a ditch. Is there anyone you don't know? Get to know that person! How? — Didn't we meet before? — That's not complicated at all but most effective. It's summertime. Don't be buttoned up!"

Certainly every delegate to the German Christian Endeavor Convention knows these sentences on the second last page of the convention booklet. This leads us to the following experience I made.

Sitting in the Gym Hall I was totally absent when suddenly someone spoke to me in English. Looking up I saw a young lady of my figure, some 30 to35 years old and slim. First I did not understand a word. No practicing during the past 2½ years. She recognized my problem and started all over "Do you speak English?"

"A little bit."

"What's your name?"

"My name is Evelyn" and I pointed to the badge at my hip — not easy to see and read of course.

"Wonderful, that's my mother's name. My name is Gail. Is this your first convention you take part?"

"No, I have been close to my home in Karlsruhe, two years back." Obviously Karlsruhe was not known to her.

"Do you like it here?"

"Yes, very well."

"Are you here all alone?"

"No, I came with our group — six boys and one girl." Both of us laughed. She continued asking: "Do you still attend school?" I shook my head. "I am working as a helper to a medical doctor."

Again she felt this was great. Suddenly she asked: "Do you wear any earrings?"

"No, I don't."

"Do you like finger rings?" She took one out of her pocket, to let me try. It did not fit. The second one was too small, too. She found something else in her pocket: a little golden cat with a pin asking me, "How do you like that?"

I did and I was amazed when she got a golden chain with a whistle holding both little pieces in front of me: "Take it, it's a gift for you." I was somehow shocked looking on those things until I finally, still hesitating, took those little gifts. I showed my appreciation and after some little conversation we said goodby.

Was it correct to take the jewelry? I asked myself. But later on I heard from others that got little gifts from that American lady also. I became extremely happy not only because of the gift but even more concerning her frankness and courage speaking to people quite easy and unprejudiced in a foreign country. I never experienced anything like that before. Later on I realized how difficult it is for us Germans talking to strangers and trying to bring joy to others. At least this is my personal experience. But being Christians it should be much easier since we all knowing and loving the Lord are brethren and sisters in Christ.

AN INVITATION . . .

To Christian Endeavorers around the world from the pastor of Williston Church

Greetings:

I am thankful for your faithfulness through the years — we have so many loyal Christian Endeavorers and so many who serve Jesus Christ and seek to do His will.

I look forward to the World's Convention this August. I would like to see you all.

You can be here symbolically. Let me explain. Just off the sanctuary of Williston Church is an area where the early Christian Endeavor meetings were held. We have the lectern at which Granville Staples, the first president of the first Christian Endeavor society, Dr. Clark, and many others stood. We have the old pump organ which was played at those meetings. In this area also are the three beautiful windows that were given in 1931 at the 50th anniversary of the movement by Endeavorers from all around the world in memory of Dr. Clark. It would be marvelous if there were in that area something from all the countries of the world where there is Christian Endeavor. I visualize a World Christian Endeavor Chapel that those of us today and those who follow us can enjoy and cherish.

I invite you to send something to represent your country. I am suggesting that these items be sent before July to give us time to arrange them attractively and meaningfully for the convention. The items need not be large or expensive — a book, Bible, picture, native costumes, plaques. The space is not big enough for many large items. You would know best what symbolizes your country and the spirit of Christ and Christian Endeavor. Be with us in person, if you can, for the convention. Also have your country and your people represented in the World Christian Endeavor Chapel.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ON THREE CONTINENTS

—by James Murdoch

It was my privilege to see Christian Endeavor during the past months in Hawaii, Germany and Sierra Leone. In each place we rejoiced to see Christian Endeavor in action — *For Christ and the Church* — and to be reminded that our movement is holding fast to its principles as laid down by the founder, Dr. Francis E. Clark. In *Hawaii,* they had come from all over the North American continent to meet in what was an open-air convention. Being at the height of the summer holiday season, what impressed most was the family atmosphere — juniors, young people, seniors, and alumni all came together, mixed together and went home together. Of course, there were separate sessions (but not many) and the merging of all grades so successfully in the meetings and activities — even if parents and children didn't actually see much of each other — was good to experience.

The *German* headquarters in Kassel is an impressive building and acts as the nerve-center for Christian Endeavor through the direction of dedicated leaders, quite a few of whom work as full-time secretaries. German Christian Endeavor has taken a most practical interest in helping the weaker brethren and supports projects in various countries. They also maintain close contacts through the "Fellowship Movement" with youth work in Eastern Germany. This led to twelve members of the World's Union Board of Trustees (representing five countries) visiting Eastern Germany under the leadership of Konrad and Jutta Brandt. Though Christian Endeavor is not the youth program in Eastern Germany, its practice and principles are being faithfully carried out in many areas.

It was a surprise and thrill to attend a service in Halle (birthplace of Handel and George Mueller) attended by 1,200 worshippers and then followed by a youth rally at which 600 young people were present. A group sang, "I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back . . . the cross before me, the world behind me . . . no turning back." To meet, live with, and share such wonderful Christian hospitality was an unforgettable experience. We had come to be with them and they were so grateful, because though we in turn wanted them to come to our countries, it is very difficult for them to do so. It was both humbling and challenging to see them witness so brightly.

Leaving behind the fog and frost of Britain in February — eight hours flight landed us in *Sierra Leone, West Africa,* and temperatures of 85°-95° F. The occasion was the celebration of Christian Endeavor's 99th birthday and the 17th Annual Weekend Convention of the Sierra Leone Christian Endeavor Union with between 250 and 300 persons participating. I had met Rev. Billy Simbo, the president, many years before in Belfast at a World's Convention. He is now principal of the Sierra Leone Bible College and a fine preacher. The singing was loud and enthusiastic, as indeed was the uninhibited dramatic display given of the story of Esther by the Bumpe High School Endeavorers.

Bible quizzes were fought out keenly, musical items, only accompanied by tambourines, came over with the message clearly presented. Again we were privileged to preach the Word to most attentive congregations, and the joy of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ where the color of skin made no difference at all was marvelous. "Born anew to a living hope . . . reserved in Heaven," the theme text, expressed our oneness in Christ and our eternal hope.

Also sharing in the weekend were 20 ministers and teacher/pastors with whom I shared and exchanged ideas.

These occasions are but a foretaste of what we trust in the will of God will be a great gathering of Endeavorers from all over the world in the birthplace of Christian Endeavor — Portland, Maine, United States of America, August 12-16, 1981.

Bits and Pieces

A Testimonial

"I am pleased to enclose my check in celebration of 100 years of Christian Endeavor. My first connection with Christian Endeavor was the Intermediate Society in the Fresno, California, First Presbyterian Church when I was 16, in 1918.

"For 30 years I was very active in Christian Endeavor in the local church; the Fresno-Madera County Union, I served two years as president; and the California State Union.

"I am sorry to say that Christian Endeavor is no longer active in central California. However, I would not give up the training I received in Christian Endeavor for anything. It was through Christian Endeavor that I was nurtured in the faith and it has helped me to follow the Lord and make him Lord of my life.

"I was happy that I could attend the 50th Golden Jubilee in San Francisco in 1931. I am now 78 years old and feel that a Christian Endeavor Convention might be a little too strenuous for me."

Florence E. Finley

Virginia Leader Dies

Frank P. Wilson, pioneer and long-time executive secretary of the Virginia Christian Endeavor Union died Tuesday, December 23, 1980, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Mr. Wilson was well known as a key leader in Christian Endeavor throughout the state of Virginia. He was beloved throughout the International Society of North America for his sincere friendship and portrayal of the Christian life as a joyous adventure.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Pauline, and a sister, Margaret Wilson Taylor.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Clyde W. Meadows, former president, and Phyllis I. Rike, executive secretary and treasurer of the World's Christian Endeavor Union on their marriage November 21, 1980. The ceremony was held in the Jones Room of Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus. Dr. and Mrs. Meadows are now residing at 23 Midcliff Drive, Columbus.

Maplewood, Missouri

Back in 1891 Maplewood, Missouri, was only a little hamlet, with twelve or fifteen homes and some distance from the residential section of St. Louis, Missouri. They felt the need of a community church Sunday service and finally a Sunday school was formed. This was followed by the organization of a "Christian Endeavor Society" in 1892.

April 2, 1893, the Congregational Church of the Covenant of Maplewood was organized. In 1894 a lot was purchased and a church was erected. On May 27, 1896, the building was demolished by a cyclone. In 1904 the church name was officially changed to Maplewood Congregational Church. The reconstructed building still stands in the original location, but we outgrew and sold the building in 1941 and bought the church at 1517 McCausland Avenue, St. Louis. There is where Christian Endeavor really came alive. At one time there were five societies. The church was open for all Christian Endeavor activities. We were host to many Missouri State Conventions, city union rallies, conferences and other Christian Endeavor meetings. The city union executive meetings are still held there each month.

Kuwait President Dies

Rev. Yousef Abdul Noor, president of the Kuwait Christian Endeavor Union was an active dedicated Christian Endeavorer in Egypt. When he became pastor of the first organized evangelical church in Kuwait, he organized the first Christian Endeavor society there. Its membership included all Arabic speaking Christians from different Arab countries. Later he founded the Christian Endeavor Union in Kuwait and became its first president.

Following a sudden heart attack he was called to exchange time for eternity by his Lord and Savior. He will be greatly missed as a Christian Endeavor leader in the Middle East.

Happy Birthday Dr. Gakriel Rizkalla

Dr. Gakriel Rizkalla, former dean of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Cairo and moderator of the Synod of the Nile, was born in 1881 and will celebrate his 100th birthday in this centennial year of the Christian Endeavor movement.

He is pastor of Ezbekieh Evangelical Church in Cairo and is the honorary president of Ezbekieh Christian Endeavor Society in Cairo. This was the first society founded in Egypt in 1891.

We thank the Lord for his great service to the Christian Endeavor movement and the church during these many years.

JESUS CHRIST LA VERDAD

by Frances Becker

Is it the Land of Eternal Spring or is it a land of threats and fears? The 26 Christian Endeavorers who participated in the International Fellowship Tour and attended the Area I Conference in Guatemala City found it to be a combination. The lovely summer temperatures, the beautiful scenery, lakes, mountains and flowers, the warmth and friendliness of the Guatemalan Christian Endeavorers almost made one forget the other side of the coin.

Walter Saavedra, overseas secretary; Carlos Alonzo, outgoing president; and Hugo Gomez, incoming president; and all Guatemalan leaders had planned well. The evening services at the Central Presbyterian Church in Guatemala City were well attended and enthusiastic. The singing was terrific. A choir composed of Guatemalan young people thrilled us with their enthusiastic singing and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Conference sessions were held during the day at Camp Mounte Sion in the hills surrounding the city and involved everyone who wanted to be involved. A cultural program which was presented by Guatemalan young people introduced us to the customs and traditions of the people. Arno Pagel, president of the World's Christian Endeavor; Nate Jarrett, vice-president of the International Society; and John Shackelford, former missionary to Guatemala, brought tremendous messages with real challenges as they focused on "Jesus Christ — the Truth" (Jesus Christo La Verdad). The discussions with the Guatemalan young people, the interracial, interdenominational, and international soccer game that developed when the bus broke down, spoke only of Christian fellowship. But, it costs something to be a Christian in Guatemala today.

As we traveled through the poverty-stricken areas of the country, visited a mission hospital in Chichicastenango, operated by missionaries of the Primitive Methodist Church, heard the stories of a small weather-beaten native missionary who, at 78 years, still crossed the mountains with the Gospel, we saw and heard the threats under which Christians lived in this land. Communists, who were infiltrating the country, and who do not want Christians in Guatemala, were making their presence felt in threats and killings. One missionary family, which had spent 17 years in the hills of Guatemala, received a letter giving them 48 hours to leave the country, or else . . .

Many of our Guatemalan Endeavorers are standing up for Christ and being counted. Pray for them, support them, and let them know you stand with them in knowing that Jesus Christ is the Truth.

Our visit to Lake Atitlan, 5,200 feet above sea level and situated in a triangle of majestic volcanoes was a picture perfect retreat from the cares of life. On Sunday morning Dr. Clyde Meadows led us in singing and Charles Barner brought the message in the out-of-doors worship experience as we watched sunrise on the lake.

The motor launch crossing of Lake Atitlan, visiting and shopping in the picturesque Indian village of Santiago, traveling on the bus to Chichicastenango where the bus had to back up to get around the switch back roads, viewing the fields which were planted high up the mountain peaks and seeing the children along the roadside banks are memories we will cherish from the Land of Eternal Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haeussler, who were with us on the tour, returned to their home church, and encouraged their Christian Endeavor group to help financially to bring young Endeavorers from Guatemala to the Festival of Hope in Portland in August.

The Christian Endeavor Young People of Woodstock Dutch Reformed Church in Woodstock, New York, conducted a 24-hour Bible Read-A-Thon from 6 p.m. February 20 until 6 p.m. February 21. Members and friends of the church were invited to pledge financial support for the "Guatemalan mission project." The amount pledged will go directly toward assisting Guatemalan young people attend the centennial Christian Endeavor Convention. Mrs. Haeussler reports that many people came to the church to pray and listen to the Bible reading. More than $2,000 has been contributed for this project with additional pledges to come.

A EUROPEAN MOSAIC

by Mrs. Edna Bresco

Christian Endeavor's 1980 Passion Play Tour provided numerous person-to-person contacts with world leaders and common people.

The weekend German Christian Endeavor Convention in Giessen with over 3500 young people from Germany conveyed the theme *Die Wahrheit für alle: Jesus Christus,* on the programs as well as on the badges we wore. The music was excellent.

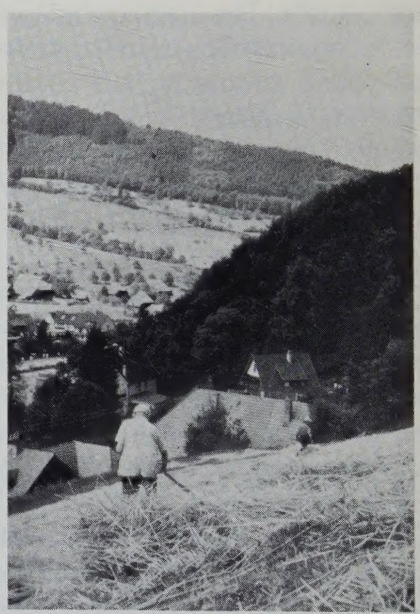
The Marburger Deaconry Fellowship Headquarters, where the president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Rev. Arno Pagel, was director until 1979, displayed a huge world map indicating their evangelistic outreach.

Liebensell missionaries, who served in China until the door closed, shared some of their experiences. Liebenzeller Museum displayed miniature models representing life styles in China, New Guinea, and Micronesia.

Marburg on the Lahn, where the first Protestant university was founded, is full of life — trendy boutiques, galleries, secondhand bookshops, and sidewalk cafes. The Church of St. Elizabeth built about 1235 is the earliest pure Gothic church in Germany. Above the church and town rises Landgrave's Castle, formerly the seat of the ruling princes of Hesse. On a stroll up to the castle we saw twisting streets, old fountains, little gardens, stairways and sudden sweeping vistas, and a plaque where the Grimm brothers lived. The focal point is the proud renaissance town hall with its Trumpet of Justice which blows every hour.

The youth choir at a Christian Endeavor prayer meeting in Bahlingen, Kaiserstuhl, was a musical treat. Lodging in homes of German Christian Endeavorers enabled us to see their way of life.

The Schwarzwald (Black Forest) was the original stamping ground of the Hohenzollerns, who ruled the German Empire. The pine-covered ridges are dotted with health resorts which have grown up around the same mineral springs from which the Romans drank centuries ago. A dip into the



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enchanting forest to a cuckoo village was a delight. The main center is Freiburg, a pleasant old university city noted for its cathedral, started about 1200. The delicate pierced stonework of the 370-foot spire dominates the city. The interior has some fine wood carvings and early stained glass. The high speed Autobahn on Germany's side of the Rhine vies with wiggly scenic ones around the forest.

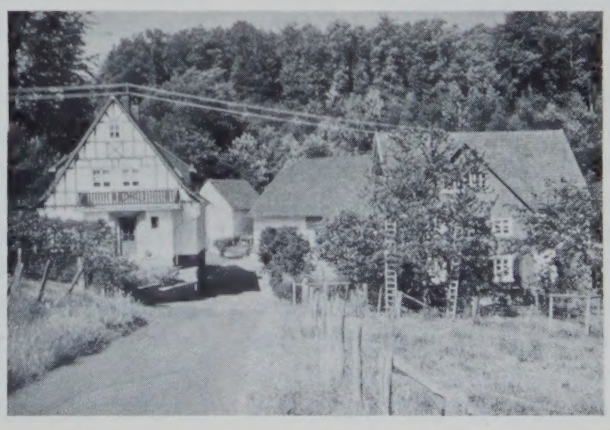
The Chapel Bridge and Water Tower identify Lucerne, Switzerland, and recall the city's medieval past. Lucerne has a solid quality — a rugged past, conservative confidence and quiet pride — qualities that have disappeared in many parts of the world.

Alphotel Gaflei is a mountainside hamlet in the midst of a wonderful and peaceful area on the Gaflei Alp in Liechtenstein with a magnificent panoramic view over the Upper Rhine Valley of peaks soaring to about 10,000 feet.

The presentation of the passion and death of our Lord on the stage at Oberammergau was a highlight. The play with its living pictures from the Old Testament and the scenes from the New Testament has preserved its medieval origin.

Tyrol is scattered with a multitude of town and picturesque villages with their own distinctive atmosphere and points of interest. It is a land of jagged mountain peaks where soaring steeples of village churches are dwarfed by a landscape of deeply indented valleys, green Alpine meadows, and precipitous pine-covered slopes. A Tyrolean zither player entertaining with folk songs was a joyful sight.

There is no better clue to the flavor of Europe than the buildings where people lived, prayed, and governed themselves reflected in this scene from Kabertal, home of our World's Union President Arno Pagel. Throughout history, Germany has had a strong influence on the rest of the world. The contributions of its artists, musicians and philosophers have been enormous. Monuments reflect the spirit of ancient history in the very places where it occurred.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK 1981

Reports of Christian Endeavor Week celebrations and centennial observances were received at Christian Endeavor Headquarters from Sierra Leone to the Hawaiian Islands. Most of the reporting groups are located in the United States of America.

SIERRA LEONE

Miss Bernadine L. Hoffman reports that the Sierra Leone National Christian Endeavor Union of West Africa held its 18th annual Christian Endeavor rally January 30, 31, and February 1, 1981, in the Greater Love Chapel at Mattru Jong. Youth were accommodated at the Centennial Secondary School and Juniors at the primary school. There were 103 youth and 51 Juniors registered for the rally from Freetown, Bumpe, and Mattru. The program included Bible quizzing, a centennial parade, singing competition, and an evangelistic message. The speaker, Rev. Billy K. Simbo, president of the Christian Endeavor Union spoke on the theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope." The officers for 1981 were installed at the Sunday banquet. The union is collecting funds for a delegate to attend the Festival of Hope Convention in Portland, Maine, U.S.A., August 12-16, 1981. It is anticipated that the president, Rev. Billy Simbo, will be able to attend the convention.

CANADA

Mrs. Miriam Sararus reports that the Waterloo County Christian Endeavorers held a centennial celebration February 2, 1981, at the Stanley Park United Brethren in Christ Church, Kitchener, Ontario. There were 125 Endeavorers from 7 churches and two denominations in attendance. Rev. Ward Woolner presided and the program included a sing-song, music by the New Dundee United Brethren Harmonica Band, a barber shop male quartet, and a vocal duet. The guest speaker, Rev. Bruce Seebach of Calvary United Church of Kitchener, spoke on the theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope." Greetings were extended by Margaret Clarkson, president of the Ontario and Canadian Christian Endeavor Unions. A fellowship hour with cake and ice cream followed the program.

Mrs. Alice Dunlop, secretary of the Hamilton Christian Endeavor Fellowship, writes that the Fellowship held a birthday party on Christian Endeavor day with 40 people attending. Rev. Joseph Muchan, Director of Services, Mission to the Lepers and a long-time Endeavorer, spoke on "The Pledge and Prayer." Many pictures and other mementos of Christian Endeavor activities were displayed. A birthday cake in the shape of a Bible was made by Jane Anne Dunlop Aikman. A vocal duet was rendered by Jessie Douglas and Mrs. Mildred Flett accompanied by Margaret Clarkson at the piano.

From Mrs. Loma Doan comes word that the Adult Christian Endeavor Society of Sherkston United Brethren Church celebrated the 100th birthday with a pot luck supper on Christian Endeavor day. They had as their guests the Youth Christian Endeavor Society from Knox Presbyterian Church in Welland.

Following supper the young people conducted the service in the sanctuary. Clyde Sherk compiled a 30-minute film of Christian Endeavor activities of local and International conventions dating back to 1950. Approximately 70 people enjoyed the celebration.

MAINE

The Rev. George Bovill, pastor of the Williston-West United Church of Christ in Portland, Maine, reports a special worship service was conducted in the church on Sunday, February 1, 1981, to commemorate the founding of Christian Endeavor by Rev. Francis E. Clark on February 2, 1881, when he was pastor of the church.

Endeavorers from Ohio and Pennsylvania joined civic leaders from the city of Portland in worship with the members of the Williston-West Church. The Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the World's Union and the International Society of Christian Endeavor, spoke on the theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope." Mr. Lavern Billig, president of the International Society, brought greetings and Mr. Herbert Davies, a trustee of the International Society, shared in the worship service.

On Monday, February 2, President Lavern Billig led a Christian Endeavor service in the Williston-West Church prior to a luncheon prepared by Pastor Bovill for Christian Endeavor and civic leaders who met to discuss plans for the Festival of Hope Convention to be held in Portland, Maine, August 12-16, 1981.

MASSACHUSETTS

According to a report from Mrs. Virginia Philbrook, president of the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union, the state held a celebration for the 100th anniversary of the movement on Saturday, January 31, 1981, in Hudson, Massachusetts. The festivities began with a pot luck dinner followed by the lighting of 100 candles on the birthday cake in honor or in memory of Endeavorers.

Lavern Billig, president of the International Society, brought greetings and spoke of his visit with Harold Clark, son of Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society, shared program plans for the Festival of Hope Convention with the Endeavorers in attendance. Dr. Daniel K. Poling presented the message, "A Glance Backward to go Forward."

NEW YORK

A brief report from Florence P. Tucker of the Children of God Society, Walls Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Albany, New York, states the young people sent a letter to the mayor asking him to proclaim January 26-February 2 as youth week in the city. They also arranged the bulletin board for the week and honored all senior citizens.

Harold E. Westerhoff, former general secretary of both the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was the guest speaker at the Woodstock Dutch Reformed Church on Sunday, January 25. He spoke on the theme, "A Prayer Meeting That Changed History." Members of the Christian Endeavor society assisted in the morning worship service. Following the service, a birthday luncheon was served.

Mrs. Paul Haeussler, sponsor, reports "Later in the afternoon after all the guests had gone and the kitchen chores were completed, Woodstock Christian Endeavorers held a prayer meeting which proved to be the finest prayer meeting we have ever had. We were extremely blessed. Through Christian Endeavor we've found our Lord and love for each other and that's what it's all about."

NEW JERSEY

The Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of Lakewood First Presbyterian Church conducted the evening worship service on Sunday, February 1, with 96 people in attendance. Mrs. Helen Molnar reports the society sent invitations to the alumni and held a reunion to celebrate the 100th birthday. They advertised the centennial in local newspapers and on radio stations. The offering was sent to the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union for field service work.

PENNSYLVANIA

Grace Evangelical Congregational Church in Lancaster celebrated the centennial of Christian Endeavor during family night in January. Associate Pastor Robert A. Brown reports "we told the congregation about the start, purpose, and value of Christian Endeavor."

On Sunday, February 1, Rev. Earl D. Ehrig, a former Christian Endeavor trustee of the Evangelical Congregational Church, addressed the morning congregation of 218 worshipers on the theme, "Endeavoring to Make Him Known." In the evening service with 86 people present the songs, drama, pledge, and principles and the talks told the history of Christian Endeavor.

The three Christian Endeavor societies of North Liberty United Presbyterian Church near Grove City, joined with other societies to observe the 100th birthday of the movement on Saturday, January 31. They baked a cake for the county celebration which took first prize. They put a display in the window of a local merchant using the theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope."

Mrs. Allen McClymonds, a sponsor, reports the Endeavorers observed Christian Endeavor Day on Sunday, February 1, and had 45 Endeavorers present for a banquet on February 10th.

The three Christian Endeavor societies of Central Fellowship Church in Connellsville advertised the centennial of Christian Endeavor in the newspapers, on the church bulletin board and with a window display in a shop on Main Street. They hosted the Fayette County Birthday Banquet on December 8, 1980.

Mrs. Albert D. Fulmer reports they presented a brief history of Christian Endeavor in the Sunday school on Sunday, February 1, and one Junior, two young people, and two adults participated in the morning worship service.

Lydia M. Vogt of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia reports their alumni society observed Christian Endeavor day, placed flowers in the church and sent a Roll Call gift to the International Society. Mr. Henry Bates reports Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church observed the founding of Christian Endeavor and the blessings the movement has been to many of its members.

Mrs. Barrie Houck, advisor, reports the Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Columbia, conducted a birthday banquet and observed Christian Endeavor Day in the three Sunday services February 1 and 2.

Mrs. Calvin Garrett, secretary of the Adult Christian Endeavor Society of St. David's United Church of Christ in Hanover, reported they had a homecoming service for Endeavorers January 31 with 120 present. Music was provided by an 18-voice Christian Endeavor Choir which sang together 40 years ago and the Christian Endeavor Troubadours who played instruments together many years ago. On Sunday, February 1, two neighboring churches provided special music for the morning worship service and a chalk artist presented the message as 150 people observed the centennial of Christian Endeavor.

Endeavorers in the Lehigh Valley gathered to celebrate the anniversary of Christian Endeavor in Allentown Zion Evangelical Con-

gregational Church on Friday evening, January 31, and Saturday, February 1. During the Friday evening meeting, Endeavorers visited Germany, Scotland, Mexico, and Hawaii in a media presentation. They also saw materials produced by Christian Endeavor over the years to train young people in local churches. Rev. Paul Albrecht, field secretary of the Pennsylvania Union, challenged Endeavorers to continue to train young people for Christ and the Church. The evening was closed by singing Happy Birthday and eating cake.

On Saturday evening 140 Endeavorers gathered to celebrate the centennial and Mr. Butch Byers, president of the Pennsylvania Union, presented the evening message.

Endeavorers in Mercer County celebrated the centennial January 25 through February 2 with numerous activities including a roller skating party; window displays on the theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope"; a birthday party which featured a drama written and produced by Dan Neidermyer; music provided by Midnight Praise and Children of Light; a birthday cake baking contest. The week's activities concluded on February 2 with a praise and prayer service thanking God for Christian Endeavor. There was also a reenactment of the first Christian Endeavor meeting portrayed by the Jackson Center United Presbyterian Church youth group.

ILLINOIS

Mrs. Eunice Rick, sponsor of the Methodist Youth Group in Thomson, reported they celebrated the centennial by giving the Junior sermon in morning worship on Sunday, February 1. They had a display table explaining Christian Endeavor and served cake to the congregation following the service. During the week they made 96 tray favors for residents of a nursing home and presented a program at the home.

VIRGINIA

Margaret Johnson, secretary of the Junior High Christian Endeavor Society of Westminister Presbyterian Church in America, reports "Our group hosted the birthday party and banquet during Christian Endeavor Week. We also conducted the morning worship service on Sunday, February 1."

The young people of Valley View Wesleyan Church of Roanoke attended the birthday party and the birthday banquet at Westminister Presbyterian Church and the nursing home service at Friendship Manor. Mrs. Lewis Hall, sponsor, reports these activities were planned by the Roanoke Christian Endeavor Union.

Mrs. Edna Bresko reports that the Endeavorers in Disputanta, Hopewell, Petersburg, Prince George and Richmond celebrated the 100th anniversary of the movement with a banquet Saturday, January 31, 1981, at the Hopewell Congregational Christian Church. Barbara Dority, vice-president of the International Society, was the guest speaker.

The Junior High and Senior High Christian Endeavor Societies of Bethlehem Congregational Church in Disputanta observed Christian Endeavor Sunday in the morning worship service February 1. Sunday evening they conducted a birthday party, Mrs. Esther B. Rusnak reports. "We loved the party plans provided by the International Society; the games were fun. Phyllis Vargo was the winner in our cake decorating contest." They also attended the banquet January 31.

NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Eugene K. Tolbert, sponsor of Varick Christian Endeavor Society St. Mark AME Zion Church of Durham, reports they celebrated the 100th birthday of Christian Endeavor in the morning worship service with 525 worshipers in attendance and in the evening with 125 people attending. On February 1 they joined with other youth of the Durham District Varick Christian Endeavor for the anniversary celebration at Holland Chapel in Apex, North Carolina.

The Endeavorers of St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Maysville had a birthday party January 28. The contestants in the Mr. and Miss Varick Christian Endeavor contest conducted the program on "The Divisons of the Bible," according to a report from the sponsor, Lillie B. Smith. On Sunday, February 1, they presented a concert by the male chorus of Araphoe and Freddie Smith, Jr., was crowned as Mr. Varick Christian Endeavor and Angeline Boone as Miss Varick Christian Endeavor.

FLORIDA

Mrs. Ethelyn J. R. Cunningham, sponsor of the Allen Christian Fellowship of St. Hebron African Methodist Episcopal Church of

Quincy, reported on the Christian Endeavor Week activities of their society centered around the theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope." It began with love baskets being circulated on Sunday, January 25, and returned to the church for the closing service on February 1. The activities included Family Night, January 25; a poster contest, January 26; a musical extravaganza, January 27; and the releasing of 100 balloons followed by a worship service and fellowship service, February 1.

ALABAMA

The Christian Endeavor society of Argo Presbyterian Church joined with other youth at Pinson to celebrate the 100th birthday of the movement according to the sponsor, Gloria D. Parsons. Arch J. McQuilkin spoke to the Endeavorers in the Argo Church on Sunday, February 1. On Sunday, February 8, the youth group was in charge of all the services and Tommy Crawford, vice-president of the Alabama Union, presented the message in the morning service. The church has four Christian Endeavor societies.

TEXAS

Governor Clements proclaimed January 25-February 2, 1981, as "Christian Endeavor Youth Week" in the state of Texas.

On Sunday, January 25, the young people of First Christian Church of Harlingen presented a drama, "Daniel in the Lion's Den" during the morning worship service under the direction of Dan Neidermyer, media representative of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Several of the young people with their sponsors, Mickie and Donnie Yale, traveled with Mr. Neidermyer to Trinity Christian Church in Waco and the Marback Christian Church in San Antonio to present the drama, "Naboth's Vineyard."

The society had a window display in the old Kress Building during youth week and state president, Mickie Yale, and vice-president, Jimmy Pearcy, appeared on TV with Hilda Sullivan on the noon talk show on KRGV on February 2.

The San Jacinto District Christian Endeavor held their birthday banquet at Westside Christian Church in Bellaire January 23. The message on "Jesus Christ Our Hope" was presented by Dan Neidermyer with Jimmy Pearcy serving as toastmaster.

Dallas District observed Christian Endeavor Week with a birthday banquet. Special music was presented by the Choraliers of Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church under the direction of Mrs. Wilma Stearns. The Christian Endeavor story, "For Christ and the Church," was given in a multi-media presentation.

The Bruton Road Christian Church observed the 100th birthday of Christian Endeavor in the morning and evening services February 1. In the morning service the combined youth and children's choirs rendered the special music and Chrysti Crone, Mark Smith, and Kari Cowgill spoke on the theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope." In the evening service Paul Manning, a past president of the Dallas District Christian Endeavor Union, brought the message on "Jesus Christ Our Hope Today and Always!" Barbara Cole and her family provided special music.

WASHINGTON

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the Faith Reformed Church of Lynden presented a drama on Christian Endeavor and presented several musical numbers in the Sunday evening service during Christian Endeavor Week according to a report received from Connie Roosendaal, sponsor. Longtime Endeavorers were recognized and cake was served to the congregation following the service.

OREGON

According to a report received from Glenda Cheshire, chairman of Christian Development of Calvary Baptist Church in Salem, their Baptist Youth Fellowship Christian Endeavor attended the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union celebration at Turner January 30 and 31. The theme was "A Century of Christian Endeavor — Kept by the Power of God." The pastor of Eagle Point Community Church spoke Friday evening and Saturday morning. The Christian clown Dan Ickel performed Saturday afternoon. Training sessions were also included in the program.

HAWAII

The Kauai Christian Endeavor Association Hoike was held February 8, 1981, to celebrate the centennial of the founding of Christian Endeavor. Mr. William Ching, president, presided. A drama on the beginnings of Christian Endeavor was presented by a group including Marty Kelsey, Levinia Kaauwai and Christian Tirre. Each church represented gave a presentation including Waioli Hui'ia Church, Hanalei; First Hawaiian Church, Kapaa; First Hawaiian Church, Hanapepe; and Koolau Hui'ia Church, Anahola; Juliette Galuteria, president of the Hawaiian State Christian Endeavor Association, brought greetings.

The First Hawaiian Church of Kapaa observed the centennial in the morning worship service, Sunday, February 8. Mr. William Ching, president of Kauai Christian Endeavor Association, and Juliette Galuteria, president of the State Christian Endeavor — participated in the service. The morning message was a dialogue between Rev. Richard Chun and Rev. Christian Tirre. Anthems were rendered by the combined Christian Endeavor choirs and the Kapaa First Hawaiian Church Choir.

A *Christian Endeavor Century Club* was formed in 1980 to recognize all persons contributing $100 or more annually to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The following persons were members of the Century Club in 1980:

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The President's Corner

by Lavern Billig

Christian Endeavor . . . a name that is loved, honored and respected the world over. Young people love it because of the enthusiasm it generates and the challenge it gives. Young people want action and they find it in their weekly meetings, in their area rallies and in their state and provincial conventions. They also find it in the International Conventions.

Young people love Christian Endeavor because of the friendship it creates. The friends made in the local church and those made in other churches are highly valued. They even make friends from other countries in International conventions. Someone has said, "Friends are our most precious possession." Some of the friendships turn into new "Christian Endeavor Unions" over the years as a fellow and girl correspond and eventually say, "I do."

Young people love the challenge given to them by Christian Endeavor. The challenge to make the Christian Endeavor pledge a part of their daily life. The challenge to become members of the Quiet Hour and the Tenth Legion and the opportunity to give their lives in full-time Christian service.

Christian Endeavor is honored and respected because of what it represents. The motto, "For Christ and the Church," is known around the world. The current theme, "Jesus Christ Our Hope," lets everyone know what it believes.

Christian Endeavor . . . doesn't that name give you the thrill of a lifetime? It does me.

Trusting in Jesus for strength always,
Christian Endeavor grew;
We in its fellowship glad, today
Our earnest pledge renew.

Chorus:
In Christian Endeavor, on one name we call,
Lord Jesus! Forever The Master of us all!
The youth of all nations, rejoicing, we see
In Christian Endeavor Our bond of loyalty.

Testing our lives by the Master's scale,
Ne'er shall our purpose swerve:
Knowing that His strength can never fail,
Christ and His church we serve!

Jesus, our Master, has called us "friends"
Love crowns our service free,
Others we'll seek ere our service ends,
Friends of our Friend to be!

Catherine Atkinson Miller

FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Christian Endeavor Convention — Portland, Maine, U.S.A.

Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and Lavern Billig, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, invite you to attend the Festival of Hope Convention with Christian youth and their leaders from many countries of the world. The convention theme, JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE will cause you to look at your relationship to the Lord in this centennial year of the Christian Endeavor movement. Each day promises to be a day of celebration.

- Thursday - a day of commitment
- Friday - a day of service
- Saturday - a day of loyalty
- Sunday - a day of fellowship

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Thursday: Rev. Arno Pagel, president, World's Christian Endeavor Union, Kalbertal, Western Germany
Friday: Dr. Luis Palau, president, Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.
Saturday: Dan Neidermyer, Director, Maranatha Productions, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Sunday: Dr. Luis Palau, president, Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

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